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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Status of National Security Programs on June 30, 1955

REFERENCES: A. NSC 5509
B. NSC 5501

The President has directed that the periodic status reports on the various national security programs be re-oriented to emphasize primarily trends as of the reporting date in comparison with the date of the preceding report and similar dates in future years so far as they can be reasonably projected. Such trends should be expressed in terms of an integrated appraisal of the status of each program in achieving the objectives set forth in applicable national security policies, particularly NSC 5501. This appraisal should take into account not only developments in the U. S. program but also developments elsewhere in the Free World and in the Soviet Bloc which affect the ability of the program to achieve policy objectives.

The President has further directed that each status report be as concise as possible consistent with adequate presentation; and that, beginning with the reports for June 30, 1955, they be prepared annually.

Accordingly, it is requested that the Central Intelligence Agency, in consultation with other departments and agencies as may be appropriate, and with the assistance of the NSC Special Staff, submit promptly by August 15, 1955, two copies of a report on the status of the foreign intelligence program as of June 30, 1955. The content of this report should alter the general lines of Part 7 of NSC 5509 to implement the above Presidential directive. The integrated appraisal may be supplemental by factual material, preferably in chart or table form, on key elements of the program.

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/s/

Executive Secretary

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